



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re the Application of:

BLATT et al.

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For: "PROTEIN INVOLVED IN
ABSCISIC ACID SIGNALLING"

Commissioner for Patents
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) AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Dear Sir:

This Amendment and Response is filed in response to the non-final Office Action having a mailing date of October 21, 2003. Enclosed herewith is a one month extension of time, to extend the time for responding from January 21, 2004, to February 21, 2004. No additional fees are believed to be due in connection with this response, but in the event that fees are due, please debit Deposit Account No. 19-1970.

Please amend and reconsider the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.